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## **HOUSE BILL 1217**

By Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, relative to continuing education.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-601(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(c) Each licensee holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the license renewal application satisfactory proof of completion of a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education coursework approved by the board. Compliance with the continuing education coursework is mandatory for renewal of a license. Of the ten (10) hours of continuing education coursework, five (5) hours must be attended in person. For purposes of this subsection (c), "attended in person" means the continuing education coursework is completed by the licensee in the physical presence of the provider of the coursework or is completed by the licensee through an interactive virtual program that requires participants to confirm their presence during the program. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.